

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 4 and 7 as follows.

Please add new Claims 9 and 10 as follows.

1. (Original) A five-fingered welding glove, comprising:
a palm piece having a front index finger portion, a rear index finger portion, a finger end and a thumbhole, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are integrally formed;
a backhand piece, having a rear middle finger portion, a rear third finger portion and a rear little finger portion which are integrally formed, coupled to the rear index finger portion of the palm piece;
a finger piece, having a front middle finger portion, a front third finger portion and a front little finger portion which are integrally formed, coupled to the finger end of the palm piece, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger, wherein the front and rear middle finger portions are together configured to receive a middle finger, wherein the front and rear third finger portions are together configured to receive a third finger, and wherein the front and rear little finger portions are together configured to receive a little finger; and
a thumb piece coupled to the thumbhole of the palm piece and configured to receive a thumb.

2. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 1, wherein a first stitch line is formed between the rear index finger portion and the rear middle finger portion, wherein a second stitch line is formed between the rear middle finger portion and the rear third finger portion, wherein a third stitch line is formed between the rear third finger portion and the little finger portion, and wherein at least one of the first, second and third stitch lines is shorter than the other one(s).

3. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 1, wherein the rear index finger portion and the rear middle finger portion include a stitch end at a side surface thereof, respectively, and

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wherein the rear index finger portion of the palm piece is sewn with the rear middle finger portion of the backhand piece via the respective stitch end.

4. (Currently amended) The welding glove of Claim 1, wherein the finger end of the palm piece is positioned at a higher location~~moved upward to the front index finger portion and a cutting line of the finger piece is moved inwardly~~ so that the lengths of the finger portions are shortened.

5. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 1, wherein the palm piece and the backhand piece form an integrated sheet.

6. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 5, wherein a first stitch line is formed between the rear index finger portion and the rear middle finger portion, wherein a second stitch line is formed between the rear middle finger portion and the rear third finger portion, wherein a third stitch line is formed between the rear third finger portion and the little finger portion, and wherein at least one of the first, second and third stitch lines is shorter than the other one(s).

7. (Currently amended) A five-fingered welding glove, comprising:
an integrated sheet having front and rear index finger portions, a rear middle finger portion, a rear third finger portion, a rear little finger portion, a finger end and a thumb hole;
a finger piece, having a front middle finger portion, a front third finger portion and a front little finger portion, which are integrally formed, sewn on the finger end of the integrated sheet, wherein the front and rear index finger portions are together configured to receive an index finger, wherein the front and rear middle finger portions are together configured to receive a middle finger, wherein the front and rear third finger portions are together configured to receive a third finger, and wherein the front and rear little finger portions are together configured to receive a little finger; and
a thumb piece sewn on the thumbhole of the integrated sheet and configured to receive a thumb.

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8. (Original) The welding glove of Claim 7, wherein the front index finger portion is adjacent to the rear index finger portion.

9. (New) The welding glove of Claim 1, wherein the thumb piece is substantially reverse "V" shaped so as to surround the thumbhole.

10. (New) The welding glove of Claim 7, wherein the thumb piece is substantially reverse "V" shaped so as to surround the thumbhole.